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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Examination for plague-infected rodents.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, September 25, 1905.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended September 23, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Two hundred and three rats (9 found dead) and 112 mice (5 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 1 rat and 1 mouse proved to be plague infected.

Vitenhage.—Seventy-three rats and 43 mice were bacteriologically examined during the week without any signs of plague infection being discovered.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Seventy-six rats (3 found dead) and 57 mice (5 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week without plague infection being discovered.

King William's Town.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Forty-seven rats (10 found dead) and 9 mice (3 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week without plague infection being discovered.

Other districts of the Colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Two hundred and ninety-three rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor, and 8 from municipalities in the Cape Peninsula; also 621 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

AUSTRALIA.

Reports from Melbourne—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, September 16, 1905.

Plague Bulletin No. 29, for five weeks ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, September 16, 1905:

TOWNSVILLE.

Two fatal cases of plague occurred at Townsville during the present week.

Particulars, which were telegraphed from Townsville, are as follows:

September 12, produce storeman, aged 23 years, died 11th instant.

September 12, man, independent means, aged 27 years, admitted to hospital 12th instant, died 14th instant.

Two suspect cases under observation.

Upon receipt of official reports from the health officer, Townsville, further particulars of the cases will be furnished.

Rats and mice destroyed at Townsville during August.

Rats examined.....	381
Mice examined.....	18
Rats not examined.....	90
Mice not examined.....	0
Rats and mice destroyed.....	489
Infected rats.....	5

By order:

EDWIN A. BLACKBORO, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
Sydney, August 28, 1905.

Bubonic-plague Bulletin No. 22, complete to midnight on Saturday, August 26, 1905:

SYDNEY.

Plague in man.

Patients remaining under treatment August 19, 1905.....	0
Admitted during week.....	0
Discharged during week.....	0
Died during week.....	0
Remaining under treatment August 26, 1905.....	0

Plague in rats.

Rats destroyed.....	1,120
Mice destroyed.....	794
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Rats examined.....	251
Mice examined.....	214
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Rats infected.....	0
Mice infected.....	0
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The last case of plague in Sydney was isolated on July 14, 1905; died August 12, 1905. Last plague rat found August 15, 1905.

No further bulletin will be issued unless another case of plague occurs.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*